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TAGS: PBOR, KS

SUBJECT: LOS: ROKG CONSIDERATION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS EXTENSION

REF: A. STATE 112741

B. STATE 115376

C. SEOUL 3742

1. AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTER THAT PRESIDENT PARK HAD DECIDED AGAINST ANY IMMEDIATE ROKG DECLARATION OF 12- MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS CLAIM, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COORDINATE THIS DECISION WITH DEFENSE MINISTRY. STRONG U. S. POSITION CONTAINED IN REF A WAS INFLUENTIAL DETERMINANT IN KOREAN DECISION.

2. IN MEANTIME EMBOFF HAD INFORMED MOFA TREATIES DIVISION CHIEF, RO CHANG- HUI, OF GIST OF REF B. AT THAT TIME RO DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AWARE THAT HIGH LEVEL ROKG DECISION ALREADY HAD BEEN MADE. HE ADVANCED IDEA THAT KOREA, WITH SMALL NAVY, HAS DIFFERENT SECURITY INTERESTS THAN LARGE NAVAL POWERS. HE ALSO SAID THAT PERHAPS A MORE AMBIGUOUS DECLARATION COULD BE MADE SO THAT KOREA COULD HAVE

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A 12 MILE LIMIT, BUT WITHOUT SPECIFYING ANY EFFECT ON  
INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. SOON THEREAFTER, HOWEVER, RO  
CONFIRMED THAT THE PLAN TO DECLARE A 12 MILE TERRITORIAL  
SEA HAS BEEN SHELVED. ROKG FUTURE VIEWS WILL DEPEND ON  
GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE LOS CONFERENCE,  
PRIOR TO WHICH ROKG WILL CONSULT WITH USG.  
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